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USEEC, GENEVA PASS U.S. TEXTILE TEAM

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SUBJECT: ASST. SECRETARY KATZ MEETING WITH COMITEXTIL
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1. DURING JUNE 21 MEETING WITH EB ASSISTANT
SECRETARY KATZ, COMITEXTIL PRESIDENT SANTENS DESCRIBED
EC MANDATE ON MFA RENEWAL AS "JOINING THE U.S. POSITION.
HE SAID EC WOULD ANNOUNCE TOMORROW ----- A NEW
SYSTEM OF IMPLEMENTATION OF BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS
WHICH IT WOULD PROPOSE TO FOLLOW UNDER A RENEWED MFA.
THIS NEW SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE FOR CORRELATION OF THE
RATE OF GROWTH OF IMPORTS WITH GROWTH OF DOMESTIC
PRODUCTION AND LEVEL OF IMPORT PENETRATION. EC WOULD
IDENTIFY PRODUCTS WHICH IT FELT MUST BE SUBJECTED TO
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STRICTER IMPORT CONTROLS, AND WOULD MAKE POINT THAT
CERTAIN DOMINANT SUPPLIERS HAD NOW GAINED SUCH A LARGE
MARKET SHARE THEY COULD NOT BE TREATED ON SAME TERMS
AS SMALLER SUPPLIERS.

2. SANTENS SAID EC WOULD STATE ITS BELIEF THAT ITS NEW
SYSTEM OF IMPLEMENTATION IS CONSISTENT WITH PRESENT MFA.

IF OTHER COUNTRIES AGREED, THEN NO CHANGES IN TEXT WOULD BE REQUIRED; IF NOT, THEN AMENDMENTS WOULD BE NEEDED, NOT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF EC DEMANDS, BUT RATHER BECAUSE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SITUATION. SANTENS EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. TEXTILE OFFICIALS HAD REPEATEDLY TOLD EC THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS WITHIN CONTEXT OF CURRENT MFA, AND THAT EC THEREFORE HOPED THE U.S. WOULD "UNDERSTAND" AND NOT "PRESS AGAINST" THE EC POSITION AT THE UPCOMING TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. ASST SECRETARY KATZ AFFIRMED U.S. BELIEF THAT MFA, WHILE PERHAPS IMPERFECT WAS BEST SOLUTION AVAILABLE TO DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADE PROBLEMS. HE SAID ATTEMPT TO AMEND MFA WOULD BRING FORTH COUNTER-DEMANDS FROM EXPORTING COUNTRIES, RISKING A TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THIS DELICATE ISSUE. KATZ AFFIRMED OUR BELIEF THAT EXCEPTIONALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF MARKET DISRUPTION CAN BE HANDLED WITH-
-IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRENT MFA, AND SAID WE WOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE EC PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE. VANCE

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